



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 459

By Finney, Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gary Bush.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Gary Bush; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush was a consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 7, 1948, Gary Bush was educated in the Jackson-Madison County School System; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which the "Volunteer State" is renowned, Mr. Bush served with courage and an unflinching sense of duty as a member of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush served with acumen and alacrity as an employee at Conalco for seventeen years, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he rendered sterling service for the AFL-CIO Appalachian Council as a Field Representative, expertly placing people in training programs and schools in order to help them find gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, a true keeper of the peace, Gary Bush worked assiduously for a quarter of a century in the field of law enforcement before taking a much-deserved retirement from the Tennessee Highway Patrol in 2008, having previously worked for the Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, a highly influential figure in the Democratic Party, Mr. Bush was the driving force behind numerous political campaigns and displayed an outstanding work ethic and resolute determination to improve his community, state, and country as the President of the Madison County Young Democrats, and a member of the Madison County Democratic Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush distinguished himself as a civic leader and public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work as the President of the Jackson Central Labor Council and member of the Fraternal Order of Police, and St. John's Masonic Lodge #332; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was deeply devoted to his family and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush was preceded in death by his loving parents, Ernest Vernon and Dorothy Viola Eason Bush; and

WHEREAS, Gary Bush is survived by his cherished wife of twenty-five years, Beth; his daughter, Heather Bush Morris; and his grandchildren, Dawson, Carson, and Conner; and

WHEREAS, he will also be fondly remembered by his sisters, Linda Bush Roach, and her husband Robert, and Kay Bush Richardson and her husband Danny; his nephew, Keith Roach; his niece, Holly Richardson; his brothers-in-law, Phil Hardin and his wife Sharon, Keith Hardin, and Jeff Hardin and his wife Amy; and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Gary Bush, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living his life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bush.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 21, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 2nd day of June 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR